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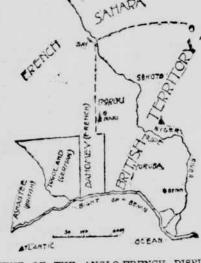
SANGUINARY CONFLICT BETWEEN BRIT-ISH AND FRENCH REPORTED.

THE RUMOR DISCREDITED IN PARIS AND LONDON -THE SITUATION IN THE LAGOS HINTER-

LAND HIGHLY DANGEROUS NEVERTHELESS.

Berlin, Nov. 26 .- A dispatch to the "Frankfort Zeitung" from Rome reports that a sanguinary conflict has taken place between the French and British at Nikki, in the Lagos Hin-

London, Nov. 26.-While the accuracy of the statement contained in the Rome dispatch to the "Frankfort Zeitung" announcing that a conflict has taken place between the French and British



SCENE OF THE ANGLO-FRENCH DISPUTE IN NORTHWEST AFRICA. troops in the Lagos Hinterland is doubted, the London morning papers to-day pointed out the imminent danger resulting from the proximity of the two forces in the contested territory. Later in the day a rumor was received at the

Colonial Office to the effect that there had been a collision between the British and French forces at Nikki, which is said to have been captured by the French troops. The officials of the Colonial Office, however,

consider this report to be highly improbable, as, they explain, the British police in the Hinterland, who are in very limited numbers, had strict orders to avoid any collision with the French. It is also understood that the French forces had been instructed not to come into conflict with the British.

The British forces in the Hinterland, it is further stated, are being reinforced considerably. The Colonial Office, late this evening, received a cable message from Lagos, west coast

of Africa, stating that a rumor is current among the natives there of a collision between four hundred British and French troops. The report, it is believed, will prove to be founded on a conflict between the French and

the Colonies, has received no collision between the British and French troops at Nikki, in the Niger region, and discredits the

A conflict between the French and British forces in the Lagos Hinterland has been anticipated for some time past. Both countries have been hurrying troops into the disputed territory.

The trouble is of about thirty years' standing, dating from 1868. In 1870 France and Great Britain opened negotiations for the settlement of their respective frontiers in West Africa, and it was decided in substance that French influence and authority should be confined to the north of a certain line, and that Great Britain should have a free hand south of this line. The outbreak of the Franco-Prussian war interrupted the negotiations; there was considerable opposition in both countries to the cession of any territory, and during the next five years difficulties frequently occurred. Finally it was resolved to appoint commissioners to reconsider the whole matter, a meeting in Paris was arranged, and, as a result, during the course of the next ten years four separate agreements were concluded. One dealt with the territorial limits of Sierra Leone; the second arranged a number of disputed points regarding Gambia, Sierra Leone, the Gold Coast and Lagos; the third agreement drew a line between the spheres of the two countries in the Niger region, running from Say, on the Niger, to Barua, on Lake Chad, and making a detour so as to in-clude the kingdom of Sokoto, in the British sphere; the fourth of these agreements settled the interior frontier of Sierra Leone, relinquishing Hinterland

But, since these agreements were arrived at, further difficulties have arisen owing to the failure of the Boundary Commissioners of Great Britain and France to agree among themselves as to the frontier lines, and especially as to the interpretation of the Ray-Barua treaty, principally owing to the absence of any boundary line to the southwest of Say, where the competition of the British and French has been very strong. The British Niger Company, which was first in the field, concluded a number of treatles with native chiefs, bringing the whole of the Borgu and Dahomey Hinteriand within the British sphere. This was during the fall of 1894. In the mean while the French were trying to establish a great African empire, to extend from Algeria to the basins of the Congo and the Upper Nile. But, for this purpose, it was consential to secure the Hinteriand of Lagos, and Carnotville, in Northern Dahomey, became the base for dispatching a number of French expeditions into the inserior, with this object in view. The British Niger Company, however, getting wind of the French plans, dispatched Captain Lugard, now Major Lugard, to Nikki, the capital of Borgu, for the purpose of negotiating a treaty with the native ruler, and the English officer was fortunate enough to reach there before a French officer, Commandant Decceur, who was bound for the same place and with the same intention, although the latter had the start, and Lugard secured his treaty and carried it away three weeks before Decceur arrived at Nikki.

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The French, however, seemed to have chosen to disregard this fact, and have dispatched armed expeditions, not only to Nikki, but to Broussa, which has all along been acknowledged to be within the sphere of British influence. Besides this, the French have raised a question as to whether the right bank of the Niger, below Say, is properly included in the British sphere, under the Sayinched in the British in the Sayinched in the S

CANADA'S REPORTED REFUSAL TO STOP PELAGIC SEALING CREDITED IN

MAY BLOCK THE NEGOTIATIONS.

WASHINGTON. Washington, Nov. 26 .- No word of the reported refusal by the Canadian Government of the proposition of the United States for a modus vivendi to stop the killing of seals while a commission is engaged in arranging other issues between the United States and Canada has come to the State Department or to the British Em-

bassy here. There is no disposition in official quarters to discredit the statement coming from Ottawa to that effect, and it is feared that the end of the negotiations is a long way off.

The Canadian alternative proposal referred to in the dispatch is believed to be nothing more than a renewal of the original proposal to appoint a joint commission and allow the question of total suspension of sealing to go before it with other matters. This has proved unacceptable to this Government heretofore.

NAVAL AND ARMY ORDERS.

CAPTAIN RODGERS TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE

BOARD OF INSPECTION AND SURVEY. Washington, Nov. 26.-Secretary Long to-day lected Captain Frederick Rodgers to succeed to the presidency of the Board of Inspection and Survey, Navy Department, December 1, when Comnodore Dewey is relieved to take command of the Asiatic Squadron in place of Admiral McNair. Captain Rodgers will be detached as member of the Board to-morrow. Since he finished his sea duty in command of the battle-ship Massachusetts he has been at the head of the sub-board charged with the inspection and survey of torpedo-boats on their completion. Commodore Dewey sails from San Francisco on December 7, with his staff, for

okohama, where he will hoist his pennant. Chief Engineer W. W. Dungan has received modified orders which will place him on the retired list with the relative rank and pay of commodore under the law which advances a staff officer to that grade when retiring after forty years' service and reaching sixty-two years of age. This order will take effect December 22.

Major H. A. Bartlett, United States Marine Corps, will be placed on the retired list on February 1, after thirty years' service, on his own ap-

ruary 1, after thirty years' service, on his own application.

Chief Engineer J. R. Edwards is ordered to the Lancaster, his unexpired leave being revoked. Lieutenant W. D. Rose is ordered to the Naval Proving Ground. Indian Head.

Gunner A. Harman, retired, receives leave to spend six months abroad.

The following transfers are made in the 14th Infantry First Lieutenant Henry C. Cabell from Company C to Company 1, First Lieutenant William S. Biddle, Jr., from Company I to Company C; First Lieutenant Samuel Seay, Jr., from Company D to Company K. & de First Lieutenant Henry G. Learnard, from Company K to Company D.

Leave of absence for three months on surgeon's certificate of disability, to take effect as soon as he shall be able to travel, is granted to Second Lieutenant Frederick B. Shaw 5th Infantry.

First Lieutenant Edward T. Winston, 18th Infantry, now at Fort Brady, Michigan, will proceed to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for medical treatment by Major John M. Banister, surgeon.

THE CIVIL SERVICE INVESTIGATION.

IMPORTANT MODIFICATIONS LIKELY TO BE

Civil Service, which has taken much testimony regarding the extensions made by President Cleveland and the operation of the law as applied to the various branches of the public service, will resums its investigation about December 10, taking up particularly the Internal Revenus Service. It is said to be likely that the final report of the committee will be made to the Senate early in January, and it is beleved that some important modifications of the system will be recommended.

Senator Pritchard of North Carolina, the chairman Senator Pritchard of North Carolina, the chairman of the committee, said to-day that there is a demand for some modification of the Civil Service classification, by legislation or otherwise, and that some modification seems to be necessary to save the system from being weighted down. "A too broad extension," he said, "is calculated to weight it down and render it impopular, thereby endangering its continguance. A good principle to adopt would be that a scholastic examination is proper to determine the fitners of persons for clerical places, but such a test is not suitable to determine the fitness of a man to fill a place where the duties are executive. The idea that the law is a sort of blanket to cover everything is very unpopular."

ASKED TO SAVE THE ALGIERS LEVEES

Paris, Nov. 26.-M. Lebon, the Minister of AN APPEAL FROM SENATOR M'ENERT TO THE

Washington, Nov. 26.-The Secretary of War has received an appeal for help from Louisiana, where the levees are said to be in danger opposite New-Orleans. The matter has been referred by the Secby him has been sent to the Mississippi River Commission, although it is said that there is no warrant for Federal interference in the matter. telegram is from Senator McEnery, and is as fol-

lows:

Recently there has been a large caving of bank in Algiers, opposite New-Orleans, within the corporate limits, and forming a most important part of the shipping interests. Engineers differ as to a remedy, and if views of some prevail with the State authorities a levee will be so placed as to throw out and destroy a very large part of the business and resident section of Algiers. The interposition of Federal authority is essential to save the harbor of Algiers. I request that the attention of the Chief of Engineers be called at once to the condition of the harbor, and that if funds are available immediate action be taken. I also urge that Captain Derby. United States Engineers, in whom there is the atmost confidence, be ordered to make an inspection for the preservation of the present line of levee in order to have as little destruction of property as possible. The present line can be maintained. Maps and plans made by Captain Derby recently show this.

TO FORCE GENERAL STANTON TO RETIRE.

A MOVEMENT TO EXPEDITE PROMOTIONS IN THE ARMY PAY CORPS.

Washington, Nov. 28 (Special).-An aggressive movement is on foot to force Paymaster-General Thaddeus H. Stanton, of the Army, out of active service under Section 1,244 of the Revised Statutes, which provides that when an officer reaches the age of sixty-two years he may be retired at the discretion of the President. General Stanton was discretion of the President. General Stanton was promoted to his present position by President Cleveland on March 27, 1836, having been deputy paymaster-general the preceding two years, with the rank of colonel. The Pay Department since he assumed command has been well conducted, and it is understood that no adverse criticism of his administration is involved in the movement to have the President exercise his statutory prerogative in the matter. But it is held, with an assumption of simple justice to the subordinates in the corps, when promotion is stagnant, as it has been for years, that an officer who reaches the age of retirement should not be permitted to remain at the head and block the regular order. It is also plausibly asserted that Secretary Algermay naturally wish to select his own bureau chiefs, and that General Stanton, having commanded the department for over two years, should be willing to give others a chance before they are forced to retire in subordinate rank.

There is believed to be behind the scheme, though carefully concealed at present, a desire to create a vacancy at the foot of the list of paymasters, for which there are aspirants of almost irresistible influence. General Stanton is aware of the movement, but until he receives an intimation from a source above him that his retirement would be agreeable he will pay no attention to the matter. promoted to his present position by President

FALSE STORY ABOUT DR. NANSEN.

St. Louis, Nov. 26.-Several members of the committee which called on Dr. Nansen yesterday, well as Mr. Hurd, his manager, emphatically deny well as Mr. Hurd, his manager, emphatically deny the statements made as to an alleged snub to the committee by the doctor. The story probably grew out of the fact that the committee's arrangements were made without consulting Dr. Nansen. Yester-day afternoon Dr. Nansen was the guest of honor at a reception by the St. Louis Pedagogic Society. The society presented to the doctor a gold medal and a beautiful testimonial, showing their apprecia-tion of his work in behalf of science. Last evening Dr. Nansen was the guest of the Academy of Sci-ences at a reception.

FOUND WITH A BULLET IN HIS HEART. While in the upper part of Central Park at noon yesterday Policeman Fox heard the report of a He ran to the Block House, whence he pistol. He ran to the Block House, whence he thought the sound came, and in searching there found a man lying lifeless on a bench, with a bullet wound over his heart. A revolver was on the ground. The suicide was about twenty-eight years old, and respectably dressed. Soon after the body had been sent to the Morgue, a woman called at the Arsenal. She said that she was looking for John Gaffney, of No. 1,183 Amsterdam-ave, who has been missing since Thurgday. Her description of Gaffney closely resembled that of the suicide.

There is no house in Amsterdam-ave, at the number given by the woman as the home of John Gaifney. The number is taken in by the grounds of Columbia University. No one called last night to identify the body at the Morgue.

LORD KELVIN ON GAS FUEL.

There is no higher scientific authority in the world than Lord Kelvin. After the recent meeting of the scientists at Toronto, he visited different parts of the United States to inspect various technical establishments. One of the things with which he was most impressed was the gas engines manufactured by the Westinghouse Company. The extraordinary saving in force, to say nothing of convenience, was what most struck him. The ordinary steam engine has a wastage of energy amounting to 90 per cent. In a gas engine this wastage may be reduced to 70 or 75 per cent. In this fact alone, said Lord Kelvin, there was suggested the enormous field for the manufacture and consumption of gas as fuel. The margin of saving was so great that to his scientific mind it was only a question of a little time before gas as a fuel would be superseding coal. And of course the same saving, or even a greater one, can be made in the formestic use of gas for fuel. It cuts down the loss of potential energy, admits of perfect regulation, and the most skilful application, and in the home is as steadily driving out coal as it is in the factory.

TWO MORE LYNCHINGS IN GEORGIA.

THE CHARGE AGAINST ONE OF THE NEGROES

WAS STEALING A MULE. Waycross, Ga., Nov. 26.- "Jerry" Johnson, negro, was lynched last evening by a mob hear Screven. He was in charge of efficers, and was being taken to jail at Jessup. A crowd of armed men rode up to the officers and demanded the prisoner. The negro was made the target for a

the following:
"The finding of the Lovering court-martial is that the accused officer is guilty as charged in the specifications, and that he be reprimanded by the reviewing authority. The Court is thus lenient in view of the good character of the accused, as

shown in the evidence. Charles Hammond. It took the court-martial one hour to reach its decision. The first ballot re-sulted in seven members of the court voting 'guilty' and five 'not guilty.' The usual court-martial is composed of thirteen members, but Major Randolph, who had been detailed to attend, was unable to do so, and so twelve men sat as a

"There was a vigorous effort made to have those parts of the specifications charging Captain Lovering with 'crueity' and 'brutality' stricken out, but it was finally decided to consider the charges as they were set forth in the specifications, and the decision was reached without making the changes. The finding of a court-martial is secret, under a solemn oath. The members of the court are swern not to divulge the finding or discuss it until it has reached the proper authority, which in this case is President McKinley. The Lovering court-martial is the result of a direct order issued by the President, and he will be the reviewing officer in the case unless he surrenders the responsibility to General Alger, Secretary of War. Lieutenant-Colonel Hunter, Judge-advocate of the court, will have his record completed to-day, and this, with the finding, will be forwarded to Washington to-night. It will probably be placed in the hands of the President on Monday, and after its inspection by General Alger and General Miles the finding will be given out officially. The public amonouncement will probably he made by Thursday of next week. It is, of course, known that the President may change the sentence recommended by the court-martial.

SICTY QUARTS OF NITRO-GLYCERINE NEARLY WIPES CHESTERFIELD, IND., OFF THE MAP. Louisville, Ky., Nov. 36.-A dispatch from Ander-

was also thrown a long way in the air every light put out and the plastering shaken from the walls. Several people were shaken out of bed.

"At Dalesville, two miles away, and at Yorktown, five miles distant, the damage was almost as great. Many people were injured, and it is a miracle that none were killed outright. The jar of the explosion was felt for fifteen miles in all directions. The gas in the well was blown out, and a workman named Cooper lit it and caused another explosion, in which he was fatally burned. The damage cannot be estimated.

"The explosive had been placed in a large zino tube located at the end of a steam exhaust pipe, for the purpose of thawing out the mixture. It is the theory that the tube became overheated, causing the explosion."

A HIGHWAYMAN QUICKLY CAPTURED.

PLACE WHERE HE HAD HELD UP

James Murphy, of No. 327 West Forty-first-st. was held for trial in the Jefferson Market Po lice Court yesterday on a charge of having held up and robbed a man in Bleecker-st. early in the morning. The victim was Gustave Johnson, a Nor-wegian, of No. 52 Market-st. A few hours after midnight Policeman Scobie, of the Mercer-st. sta-tion, saw a man running in Sullivan-st., near Bleecker-st. The runner was hatless, and had a black eye. On being stopped and questioned by the

READING'S OCTOBER STATEMENT.

Philadelphia, Nov. 28.—The statement of the Philadelphia and Reading Company for Octobe shows receipts of \$2,184,463.56, an increase of \$91

THE ST. PAUL'S EARNINGS.

MR. DEPEW SAYS IT IS EXAGGERATED.

Chauncey M. Depew said yesterday that the report of the operation of the Vanderbilt interests along the route of the Chesapeake and Ohio Rail-

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prisoner. The negro was made the tages for a number of rifles, and his body was perforated with bullets. He had been arrested for stealing a mule. Savannah, Nov. 26.—An unknown negro was killed by lynchers near Blackshear yesterday afteracoon, his body being riddled with bullets. He assaulted Miss Reble Davis, the seventeen-year-old daughter of Eli Davis, a farmer living seven miles north of Blackshear.

VERDICT OF THE LOVERING COURT.

THE ACCUSED OFFICER SAID TO HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY AS CHARGED. Chicago, Nov. 26 .- "The Tribune" to-day prints

"The foregoing is, according to the statement of a man who knows, the exact verdict of the courtmartial which has just completed its labors in the case of Captain Leonard A. Lovering, of Fort Sheridan, charged with brutal treatment of Private

"There was a vigorous effort made to have those

TOWN WRECKED BY AN EXPLOSION.

son, Ind., to "The Evening Post" says:
"Chesterfield, Ind., was almost wiped off the map at an early bour this morning by an explosion of sixty quarts of nitro-glycerine, which had been brought overland from Montpeller and placed in an open field a half mile from the town. Marian Man- \$3.00. sey and 'Sam' Maguire were working at a gas well near by when the explosion occurred. Mansey was thrown many feet, but not fatally injured. Maguire badly lacerated, but will recover. James Gold's house, three hundred rods distant, was torn to house, three numbers rots distant, was torn to pieces. The explosion tore a hole in the ground down to the water-line. A three-ton engine was torn to fragments, and every living animal was killed instantly. The little town of Cheeterfield is mass of ruins, every house was moved from its foundations, windows shattered, doors smashed in, every light put out and the plastering shaken from the walls. Several people were shaken out of hed.

SEEN BY A POLICEMAN RUNNING FROM THE A NORWEGIAN.

black eye. On being stopped and questioned by the officer, he said he had been the victim of a badger game. His story could not be corroborated, so he was arrested as a suspicious person. In expectation of learning something more about the man Scoble took him with him on his tour of detail. In front of No. 159 Bleecker.st., they came across Johnson, who was crying. The Norwegian told the policeman that he had been held up by four men, who, after stealing his watch and chain, tried to throw him into a basement. He recognized Murphy as one of his assailants. In the prisoner's pocket was found the stolen jeweiry.

RAILROAD INTERESTS,

anows receipts of \$2,134,863.96, an Increase of \$91,523.22 over the same month of 1896; net carnings, \$10,070,339.59, an increase of \$91,913.13. The receipts of the Coal and Iron Company were \$2,566,170.48, a decrease of \$2,567.59, net carnings \$254,624.69, an increase of \$2,567.29. The net carnings of the whole Reading Company were \$1,367,670.17, and the surplus for the month was \$622,670.17.

Chicago, Nov. 26.-The net earnings of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul for the month of October were \$1,613,298, an increase of \$2,799. The net earnings for the period between July 1 and October 31 were 44,68,155, an increase of \$19.918 over the net earnings of the same period of the preceding year.

along the route of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad in West Virginia had been greatly magnified.
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of John T. McGraw, Mr. Depew said that the
land secured was more valuable in timber than
coal, and that the spur being built was to give it an
outlet. There was no intention to mine coal on a
tremendous scale, and in fact there was little in
it aside from the natural expansion of a railroad
in reaching out for business.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 26,-The 19th Illinois Ridge was dedicated yesterday, there being present at the ceremony about twenty-five survivors, all from Chicago. The monument is erected on the spot where the regiment first rallied and reached the crest of the ridge in the memorable engagement. An address was made by Colonel W. W. Young, of Chicago, president of the regimental association.

Kaneas City, Mo., Nov. 26.-Another sensation in Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 26.—Another sensation in connection with the trial of Dr. Jefferson D. God-dard for the murder of the laundryman, Fred J. Jackson, is the swearing out of a warrant for the arrest of Ross W. Latshaw, a well-known politician,



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MENACED BY A PRAIRIE FIRE. Clayton, N. M., Nov. 26.-A prairie fire is sweeping over the country south of this point. The grass is very high and there has been no rain for weeks. The course of the fire is through the great cattle range belt, and for over two hundred miles there is no barrier in its path. The wind is blowing very

Thousands of sheep are in danger and are being rushed to places of safety. Should the wind change to the south, which is now indicated by clearing saies, the danger will not be so great, otherwise there is no estimating the probable destruction. So far only two ranches have been destroyed, but many are now exposed.

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